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In re application of

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

***Subject to the Examiner's approval Figure 6 will be corrected as shown in red on the attached sheet, and a formal drawing for Fig. 7 will be provided.***

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

***Please replace the substitute specification filed on September 6, 2002 with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.***

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